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November 20 – November 21 in Montgomery

Holiday open house and book signing at Goat Hill Museum Store

The eighth annual holiday open house and Alabama author book signing at the Goat Hill Museum Store in Alabama's State Capitol is Friday, November 20, from 8:30 to 4:30, and Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 to 4:00.

On Friday, November 20, Montgomery artist Tara Cady Sartorius will unveil the fifth in her series of limited edition, handcrafted clay ornaments of Alabama's historic State Capitol. Other "made in Alabama" ornaments include hand-quilted pinecones by the West Alabama Quilter's Guild, cotton boll and okra angels, Alabama flag and state-shaped stained glass ornaments, handmade glass candy canes, and angel ornaments.

Perfect for the holidays are Alabama food items including candies and jellies from Fairhope's Punta Clara Kitchen; chocolate-covered nuts from The Nut Shop in Tuscaloosa; holiday candies from Priester's Pecans; and a large selection of Alabama cookbooks.

Join us for our book signing event with Alabama authors on Friday, November 20.

- . Larry Powell, *Black Barons of Birmingham*
- . John Sledge, *The Pillared City: Greek Revival Mobile*
- . Beth Maynor Young and John Hall, *Headwaters: A Journey on Alabama Rivers*
- . Monica Moore, *Twined Bags: An Historical Finger-Weaving Craft of Native Americans*
- . Nell Richardson, *A Family Home: A History of the President's Mansion at Auburn University*

Door prizes will be given away each day and mulled cider and snacks will be available to shoppers while they browse the store's large selection of unique holiday gifts.

On Saturday, free tours of the Capitol building are offered at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Goat Hill is the best place to find gifts made in and about Alabama. In addition to Alabama books, food, gifts, souvenirs, and artist-made items, there will be a large selection of holiday ornaments, decorations, and gifts. The store is managed by the Alabama Historical Commission, and is located inside the historic Alabama State Capitol's Union Street entrance.

For more information about this event, visit: www.preserveala.org/currentissues.aspx

To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.